IN THE CLAIMS

1.   (currently amended) An information processing device, comprising:

determining means for determining whether a file stored on the device was created by the device or was obtained from a source external to the device;

classifying means for classifying the file according to information concerning the date of creation of the file in the case that the determining means determines that the file was created by the device, and for classifying the file according to information concerning the date the file was obtained in the case that the determining means determines that the file was obtained from a source external to the device; and

display control means for controlling a display unit to display a result of classification performed by the classifying means,

whereby externally created files are classified according to the date the file was obtained, even though~~regardless of whether or not~~ the device receives an indication of when the file was created,

the device stores an original recorded file flag for each file stored in the device, the original recorded file flag indicating whether the file was created by the device or was obtained from a source external to the device,

the display control means displays a result of classification with a distinction between files created by the device and files obtained from a source external to the device.

2.   (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the display control means divides a predetermined display screen of the display unit into a plurality of areas, assigns a date to each of the areas, and displays, as the result of the classification, the presence of a file in the area having a date corresponding to the information on the date of creation of the file or the information on the date of obtainment of the file.

3.   (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the display control means displays the information on the date of creation of the file or the information on the date of obtainment of the file on a predetermined display screen of the display unit.

4.   (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 2 or claim 3, further comprising instructing means for giving an instruction to display a list of files classified as the result of the classification on the predetermined display screen of the display unit,

wherein according to the instruction given by the instructing means, the display control means displays the files classified by the classifying means on the display screen such that the file classified according to the information on the date of creation is distinguished from the file classified according to the information on the date of obtainment.

5.   (previously presented) The information processing device as claimed in claim 2 or claim 3, wherein

the display control means scrolls the predetermined display screen of the display unit to display the result of the

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classification.

    6.   (previously presented) The information processing device
as claimed in claim 5, wherein
        the display control means changes a speed at which the
predetermined display screen of the display unit is scrolled
according to a quantity of files classified as the result of the
classification.

    7.   (previously presented) The information processing device
as claimed in claim 6, wherein
        when changing the speed at which the predetermined
display screen of the display unit is scrolled, the display control
means considers a scroll amount required to display the result of
the classification to be displayed by scrolling at a predetermined
position on the display screen.

    8.   (currently amended) An image pickup device, comprising:
        image pickup means for picking up an image of a subject,
and for recording the image of the subject as a pickup image file
on a recording medium;
        receiving means for obtaining an external image file, and
for recording the external image file on the recording medium;
        detecting means for detecting the external image file
from among image files recorded on the recording medium;
        classifying means for classifying the pickup image file
recorded on the recording medium according to information on an
image pickup date of the pickup image file, and for classifying the
external image file according to information on an obtainment date
of the external image file; and

display control means for displaying a result of classification by the classifying means on a display unit,

whereby externally created files are classified according to the date the file was obtained, ~~even though~~ regardless of whether ~~or not~~ the device receives an indication of when the file was created,

the device detects an original recorded file flag for each file stored on the recording medium, the original recorded file flag indicating whether the file was created by the device or was obtained from a source external to the device,

the display control means displays a result of classification with a distinction between files created by the device and files obtained from a source external to the device.

9.   (currently amended) An information classification processing method, comprising the steps of:

determining whether a file stored on a device was created by the device or was obtained from a source external to the device;

classifying the file according to information concerning the date of creation of the file in the case that it is determined that the file was created by the device, and for classifying the file according to information concerning the date the file was obtained in the case that it is determined that the file was obtained from a source external to the device; and

displaying on a display unit a result of the step of classifying,

whereby externally created files are classified according to the date the file was obtained, ~~even though~~ regardless of whether ~~or not~~ the device receives an indication of when the file was created,

the device stores an original recorded file flag for each file stored in the device, the original recorded file flag indicating whether the file was created by the device or was obtained from a source external to the device,

the step of displaying includes displaying a result of classification with a distinction between files created by the device and files obtained from a source external to the device.

10. (previously presented) The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 9, wherein

the displaying step includes dividing a predetermined display screen of the display unit into a plurality of areas, assigning a date to each of the areas, and displaying, as the result of the classification, the presence of a file in the area having a date corresponding to the information on the date of creation of the file or the information on the date of obtainment of the file.

11. (previously presented) The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 9, wherein

the displaying step includes displaying the information on the date of creation of the file or the information on the date of obtainment of the file on a predetermined display screen of the display unit.

12. (previously presented) The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 10 or claim 11, further comprising giving an instruction to display a list of files classified as the result of the classification on the predetermined display screen of the display unit,

wherein the displaying step includes, according to the instruction given in the instruction giving step, displaying the files classified in the classifying step on the display screen such that the file classified according to the information on the date of creation is distinguished from the file classified according to the information on the date of obtainment.

13. (previously presented) The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 10 or claim 11, wherein
the displaying step includes scrolling the predetermined display screen of the display unit to display the result of the classification.

14. (previously presented) The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 13, wherein
the displaying step includes changing a speed at which the predetermined display screen of the display unit is scrolled according to a quantity of files classified as the result of the classification.

15. (previously presented) The information classification processing method as claimed in claim 14, wherein
the displaying step includes, when changing the speed at which the predetermined display screen of the display unit is scrolled, considering a scroll amount required to display the result of the classification to be displayed by scrolling at a predetermined position on the display screen.

16. (currently amended) An information classification processing method, comprising:

picking up an image of a subject, and recording the image of the subject as a pickup image file on a recording medium;

obtaining an external image file, and recording the external image file on the recording medium;

detecting the external image file from among image files recorded on the recording medium;

classifying the image pickup file recorded on the recording medium according to information on a date of creation of the file, and classifying the external image file according to information on an obtainment date of the external image file; and

displaying a result of classification in the classifying step on a display unit,

whereby externally created files are classified according to the date the file was obtained, even though~~regardless of whether or not~~ the method includes receiving an indication of when the file was created,

the recording medium stores an original recorded file flag for each file stored on the medium, the original recorded file flag indicating whether the file is a pickup image file or an external image file<u>,</u>

<u>the step of displaying includes displaying a result of classification with a distinction between pickup image files and external image files</u>.

17. (currently amended) An information processing device, comprising:

a detector for detecting whether a file stored on the device was created by the device or was obtained from a source external to the device;

a classifying unit for classifying the file according to

information concerning the date of creation of the file in the case that the detector detects that the file was created by the device, and for classifying the file according to information concerning the date the file was obtained in the case that the detector detects that the file was obtained from a source external to the device; and

a display controller for controlling a display unit to display a result of classification performed by the classifying unit,

whereby externally created files are classified according to the date the file was obtained, even though~~regardless of whether or not~~ the device receives an indication of when the file was created,

the device stores an original recorded file flag for each file stored in the device, the original recorded file flag indicating whether the file was created by the device or was obtained from a source external to the device<u>,</u>

<u>the display controller displays a result of classification with a distinction between files created by the device and files obtained from a source external to the device</u>.

18. (currently amended) An image pickup device, comprising:

an image pickup unit operable to pick up an image of a subject, and to record the image of the subject as a pickup image file on a recording medium;

a receiver operable to obtain an external image file, and to record the external image file on the recording medium;

a detector operable to detect the external image file from among image files recorded on the recording medium;

a classifying unit operable to classify the pickup image

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file recorded on the recording medium according to information on an image pickup date of the pickup image file, and to classify the external image file according to information on an obtainment date of the external image file; and

a display controller operable to display a result of classification by the classifying unit on a display unit,

whereby externally created files are classified according to the date the file was obtained, even though~~regardless of whether or not~~ the device receives an indication of when the file was created,

the recording medium stores an original recorded file flag for each file stored on the medium, the original recorded file flag indicating whether the file is a pickup image file or an external image file,

the display controller displays a result of classification with a distinction between pickup image files and external image files.